The embodiments of the invention in which an exclusive property or privilege is claimed are defined as follows:

- 1. A package, comprising:
- a first web defining a cavity; and
- a second web bonded to the first web, wherein the second web includes microperforations at predetermined locations.
- The package of Claim 1, wherein the microperforations are located at a substantially horizontal portion of the second web and adjacent to a first web recess in communication with the cavity.
- The package of Claim 2, wherein the first web includes a flange to connect said recess to the cavity.
- 4. The package of Claim 3, wherein the flange defines a communication from the cavity to the recess.
- The package of Claim 4, wherein the communication defines serrations on the flange.
- The package of Claim 5, including a nonperforated area of the second web adjacent to the recess of the first web.
- A method of exchanging the gas of a controlled atmosphere package with air by including microperforations in a web.
- 8. The method of Claim 7, wherein the exchange of gas raises the oxygen concentration of the package from less than or about 0.05% to greater than or about 3% within about 15 minutes.
- The method of Claim 7, wherein the exchange of gas raises the oxygen concentration of the package from less than or about 0.05% to greater than or about 10% within about 10 minutes.

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- 10. The method of Claim 7, wherein the package is assembled from a tray web having a cavity and flaps, wherein at least one flap includes a recess formed from the outwardly facing side.
- 11. The method of Claim 10, wherein gas exchange occurs through a communication between the cavity and the flap recess, wherein the communication includes serrations
- A method of reducing liquid weep from packages using microperforated lidding webs by locating a section of nonperforated lidding web adjacent to a recess.
- 13. The method of Claim 12, wherein the package is formed from a tray web having a cavity and flaps, and wherein at least one flap includes a recess formed from the outwardly facing side.
- 14. A method of bonding a stretched lidding web to a tray web with flaps, wherein the lidding web is bonded to the flaps in a substantially horizontal position.
- The method of Claim 14, further comprising folding and bonding the flaps to the tray web.
- 16. A method of bonding a stretched lidding web to a tray web having at least a first and second flap, wherein the first flap is bonded to the tray before the lidding web is bonded to the second flap, and wherein the second flap is in a substantially horizontal position.
- The method of Claim 16, further comprising folding and bonding the second flap to the tray web.
- A method for trimming lidding web from a tray web, wherein the tray web includes a recess allowing clearance for a trimming device.
 - 19. A tray, comprising:

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a web forming a cavity, wherein a recess is formed on a portion of the web to create a gap clearance when a first and second web abuts or is in close proximity to the first web

- A method for preventing a contaminant from blocking a bonding surface of a tray web by covering the bonding surface with a guard.
- The method of Claim 20, further comprising covering a top and side portion of the tray web.
- The method of Claim 20, wherein the tray web comprises flaps, wherein the flaps are contained within the guard.
 - 23. The method of Claim 22, wherein the flaps are bonded to the tray web.
- 24. The method of Claim 23, wherein the flaps are debonded and substantially horizontal when bonding a lidding web to the tray web.
- 25. The method of Claim 24, further comprising a second bonding of the flaps to the tray web.
- The method of Claim 20, further comprising loading a food item with the guard in place.
- 27. A guard for covering a tray web defining a flange and cavity, comprising: a guard body having walls to contain a tray web therein, with a body portion covering the tray flange; and

an opening giving access for loading the tray cavity.

 The guard of Claim 27, further comprising a lip extending partly into the tray cavity.

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